

SENATE BILL 3044

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 10, Part 3, relative to regulation of traffic
offenses by municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-307, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Any incorporated municipality may by ordinance adopt, by reference, any of the appropriate provisions of chapter 8 of this title, §§ 55-10-101 — 55-10-310, 55-50-301, 55-50-302, 55-50-304, 55-50-305, 55-50-311, 55-10-312, and 55-12-139, and may by ordinance provide additional regulations for the operation of vehicles within the municipality, which shall not be in conflict with the provisions of the listed sections. All fines, penalties, and forfeitures of bonds imposed or collected under the terms of §§ 55-50-311 and 55-50-312, shall be paid over to the appropriate state agency as provided in § 55-50-604.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-308, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Where chapter 8 of this title and §§ 55-10-101 — 55-10-310 apply to territory within the limits of a municipality, the primary responsibility for enforcing the sections shall be on the municipality which shall be further authorized to enforce the additional ordinances for the regulation of the operation of vehicles as it deems proper; provided, however, that any municipality having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or less, according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, must exercise the authority conferred by this section in full compliance with the rules promulgated by

the commissioner of safety to regulate enforcement of chapter 8 of this title and §§ 55-10-101 — 55-10-310, on the portions of any highway designated and known as part of the national system of interstate and defense highways lying within the territorial limits of the municipalities; provided, that this restriction shall not apply to drug interdiction officers employed by the municipality while the officers are actively serving with any judicial district drug force.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.